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REMARKS

The above-referenced Notice to File Corrected Application Papers indicates that an abstract not exceeding 150 words is required and also indicates that an abstract was not provided for the subject application. Applicant's records, however, indicate that an Abstract was submitted with the subject application. Also, the record copy of the as-filed continuing application shows that the Abstract that had been submitted corresponds to the Abstract that had been submitted for the then co-pending parent application from which the subject application had claimed domestic priority. As such, Applicants have understood the subject Notice to be a request for submission of an Abstract that does not exceed 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet of paper.

As such, Applicants herewith include an amendment to the subject application amending the as-filed Abstract so that it is now less than 150 words and also attach herewith the amended Abstract commencing on a separate sheet. As requested in the above-referenced Notice, also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted, EDWARDS & ANGELL

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